down many trees and rafts, the bridges between the right bank and the island of Lobau had been broken. This deplorable mishap caused the Emperor to stop the advance of the troops.

The enemy made desperate efforts, backed by the fire of 200 guns, to drive the French .army away. Their efforts ended ingloriously. Three times they attacked the villages of Aspern and Essling, and three times they filled them with their dead. Towards six o'clock in the evening the Duke of Montebello had a leg carried away by a cannon-ball; for a moment it was thought he was killed.

23d, Ebersdorf i

(To Count Daru.) A great part of the army will be in the island to-night, and will need provisions. In the present situation of affairs there is nothing more pressing than to get us supplies.

38th. On the night of the 26th to the 27th our bridges over the Danube were carried away by the flood and by mill wheels that had been thrown in (and floated down). To-day one of the bridges is repaired.

31st. (To the Empress Josephine.) I am in great grief for the loss of the Duke of Montebello, who died this morning. And so all things come to their end! Good-bye, dear friend; do anything you can to console the Marshal's poor wife.

There are some wounds to which death itself is preferable. It is at the moment of leaving life that a man clings to it with all his might. Lannes, the bravest of men, Lannes, deprived of his two legs, did not want to die, and said to me that the two surgeons who had treated a